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GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

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NOTIFICATION

G.O.(P)No.233/2024/RD

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 07.10.2024

S. R. O. No. 896/2024

WHEREAS, in one of the worst natural disasters that occurred in the State of Kerala, Vythiri Taluk in the district of Wayanad was hit by devastating landslides triggered by torrential downpour in the early hours of 30th July, 2024, killing hundreds, causing severe casualties to many and leaving the homeless survivors to relief camps;

AND WHEREAS, Government have taken all possible steps for a rehabilitation package, which is under progress;

AND WHEREAS, it has come to the notice of the Government that certain banks have deducted monthly installment of loans from the accounts of homeless landslide survivors after deposit of the financial aid



from the Relief Fund by the Government in the survivors' accounts, which goes against the Government's recommendation to banks not to insist on loan repayment by landslide survivors;

AND WHEREAS, it has become necessary to protect the people in the landslide hit Vythiri Taluk in Wayanad District from the unfair recovery of loans from their bank accounts and consequential revenue recovery proceedings initiated by banks;

AND WHEREAS, as per the amendment effected to the Kerala Revenue Recovery Act, 1968 (15 of 1968) by virtue of the Kerala Revenue Recovery (Amendment) Act, 2024 (Act 17 of 2024), the Government is now empowered under section 83B of the said Act to issue moratorium for the entire revenue recovery proceedings subject to the conditions and guidelines, as may be notified by the Government from time to time;

AND WHEREAS, Government vide G.O.(Rt)No.2112/2024/RD. dated 03/09/2024 had issued guidelines under the amended provisions in the Kerala Revenue Recovery Act, 1968 (15 of 1968) as aforementioned and it has been decided to stop all revenue recovery proceedings in respect of all loans and arrears of the people in the landslide affected Vythiri Taluk in Wayanad District, until further orders;

NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred under section 83B of the Kerala Revenue Recovery Act, 1968 (15 of 1968), the Government of Kerala hereby issue moratorium for the entire revenue recovery proceedings in respect of all loans availed and arrears of the people in the Vythiri Taluk of Wayanad District under the said Act.

The moratorium shall be in force for a period of one year with effect from the date of notification unless otherwise notified by the Government. The conditions and the guidelines under section 83B of the Kerala Revenue Recovery Act, 1968 (15 of 1968) will be issued separately.

By order of the Governor,
TINKU BISWAL
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY

Explanatory Note

(This does not form part of the notification, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

As per section 83B of the Kerala Revenue Recovery Act, 1968 (15 of 1968) the Government have the power to issue moratorium for the entire revenue recovery proceedings subject to the conditions and guidelines, as may be notified by the Government from time to time. A massive landslide occurred in Wayanad District in July 2024 in which hundreds of people lost their lives and properties. While the Government have initiated a comprehensive rehabilitation package for uplifting the victims of Wayanad landslide, it has come to the notice of the Government that certain banks have recovered their dues from the amount deposited to the bank accounts of landslide survivors from the Distress Relief Fund. Hence, the Government have decided to issue moratorium for the entire revenue recovery proceedings in the landslide affected Vythiri taluk of Wayanad District under section 83B of the said Act.

The notification is intended to achieve the above object.

